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toons. They will carry you back

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Weather-Fair: Continued Cold.

WASHINGTON, D. C.: MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1917.

TWO CENTS.

The latest and most severe of

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EARTHOUAKES RENDER 135,000 HOMELESS

PEACE MOVEMENT GROWS BUT ALLIES STAND FAST AS TERMS ARE REVISED

Draper Sees Great Significance in British Socialists' Decision to Favor Moderate Formula to End War.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

London, Dec. 30 .- No event in the last six months will have so important a bearing on the British political situation as the decision of the labor Socialist parties to favor a moderate peace formula.

TRICK OF HUN

SEEN IN NEW

PEACE OFFER

End Only with Kaiser's

Downfall.

diplomacy of the Bernstorff-Luxburg

Peace Movement's Growth. Had Saturday's session preceded. Friday's, it would have made clearer to outsiders the reason for the present attitude of such a large body of the country toward peace.

The speeches on Saturday brought out something of the economic hardships endured by the working classes, and the loyal and patriotic leaders gave plain warning to the government that unless conditions were improved the temper of the masses would grow worse. When it is remembered that Bri-

tain is the strongest economically of the European belligerents, some appreciation may be had of the cause and growth of the peace movement. A peace is not only a possibility but now almost a cer-tainty, though it is impossible to calculate just when it will come. The military leaders will demand another opportunity to win a de-cision and the odds are all in fayor of their getting it, but it is ex-tremely doubtful if they get a sec-The new year will find Europe re-

turning to sanity and slowly recov-ering her prospective. Every se-rious suggestion toward an honorable peace will receive serious consideration. Instead of branding ev-ery enemy utterance as a peace trap and waving aside every friendly gesture, their burden of responsibility will force statesmen to give close heed and satisfy the people they are using every means to reach an honorable decision. The word 'pacifist," and the charge "bolowill no longer meet the de-of the people.

Few Are Quitters.

But, though a wave of modera-tion is sweeping over Europe, there are few quitters in any camp, whether it be Britain, France, Germany or Austria. Not even the minority Socialists in any of these ountries are likely to throw hands and cry "peace" at any

and Pinchon's "conquer, then settle," nterpretations of the word victory, g from the program of the German junkers, who now shout with rage over Czernin's and Kuehlmann's outlines of terms, to the latest formula of British labor. As the war ig and the possibility of a Imperialism, territorial aggrandizement and indemnities at the people, as they desire.

gradually disappearing and in their blaces are rising such terms as national security, society of nations and such the allied armies slowly, but the allied armies slowly, but the allied armies slowly, but the property maintaining the ascendancy desired the Presion collarse, with rerandizement and indemnities the entente practically every spite the Russian collapse, with re-

on the effective patterns to the be-shade of opinion holds firm to the be-lief that no lasting settlement will be reached until the Prussian militarists no longer enjoy the power to make war. The majority and minority Socialists of Germany reply: "You want us to rid ourselves of them, but how would you like to have us demand the overthrow of your King or Pregi dent as proof that you are ready for

Wilson's View Adopted. President Wilson's distinction be

tween the German ruling classes and the people, which had few supporters when it was first advanced, now has become generally acceptable, though there are still a handful of reaction aries who hold that there is nothing good in Germany. With this as a basis, the allied

moderates are now trying to encour-age the German people to believe that if they show signs of desiring a change in their rulers, an honorable peace can be made. Some moderate do not go so far as to declare tha no peace is possible with the Hohen-zollerns, however. The working classes in Europe hate

militarism in every form, and they hate it now as never before, and that is why they advocate so strongly the scheme for a league of nations. The growth of moderation is not due to any sudden change of spirit; it is the natural result of all the suffering, sacrifices and hardships that Europe has endured through forty-two months of war. The people feel that neither

of war. The people feet that neither the militarists nor the politicians have made good to date. With the close of 1917 the gigantic investment in military efforts has brought but poor returns for any one, viewed in the light of territorial acquisitions. The argument that Germany is satisfied with the results obtained from her investment is dis-

proved by the shouts of protest today from the pan-Germans, Certainly Britain is not satisfied with the acquisition of Germany's African colonies and her victories in Palestine and Mesopotamia as an off-set for 2,000,000 casualties, her huge financial outlay and her tremendous

Modern War a Failure. Measured by the ordinary stan-ards, modern warfare has proved

colossal failure. Now the people know they must make further investments, they are assed to send more men into the

firing line, they are called upon to economize in the consumption CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVEN.

IN AMERICA TO BE REGISTERED

Listing Enemy Aliens, Who Will Be Treated as Friends, to End in February.

Registration of all German ali enemies in the United States will be made the first week in February. Rules and regulations for the regis-

comprehensive record of each regis trant, and includes photographs in quadruplicate and finger prints. but all German males of 14 years or more within the United States or its possessions, who have not acquired full citizenship, must comply with the regulations or suffer the penalties provided.

provided.

Germans born in Alsace-Lorraine prior to May 10, 1871, the date of the final ratification under which the lost provinces were transferred to Germany, or in Schleswig-Holstein prior to August 3, 1865, the date when Prusals selected that Danich territory.

exempt.

The registration will be conducted by the police and postal authorities throughout the United States and by specially delegated authorities at a time to be designated in American in-Officials Believe War Can sular possessions. The registration district in a city of 5,000 population or

Does the Kaiser's abdication of the peace-making power to Chancellor von Hertling signal the breaking of Germany's militaristic spirit? Only if it does will it find any response in Washington. Officialdom last night is still inclined to believe it merely political camounlage, like the sort of "window dressing" familiar to every American politician who ever helped frame a party ticket.

In the district, elsewhere the district cocal postoffice.

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Tame a party ticket.

This opinion has been reached by official Washington after due weight has been given to all of Von Hertling's claim to be the chancellor more responsive to the will of the German people than any of his predecessors. It has been recalled that when he assumed office he declared that he did so only after agreement with the leaf sumed office he declared that he did change of residence forthwith; no en care of the majority parties in the residence from one registration district to another without first obtain That statement was subject to sus-picton. In the same way the Kaiser's ottop will be beruful at he. t statement was subject to sus-ing a permit from his registration in the same way the Kalaer's district, making application on a force will be becutinized in the light furnished by the Department of Jus-

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comes not from the Kalser to be administered as he sees best, but from the people, as they desire.

"Registrants are not to be treated as persons of evil disposition," the regulations read, "and the registration officers are urged to deal with them officers are urged to deal with them officers are urged and friendly manner." in a courteous and friendly manner.

Auto Trains Relieve Traffic.

ports of hunger in Germany and with Detroit, Mich., Dec. 30.-Six addi all the other auguries of a victory in the field soon to come, Washington is looking at the Kalser's abdication ional auto trains have been orderthe field soon to come, Washington is looking at the Kaiser's abdication of power with extreme suspicion. The certainty of victory by arms will not be abandoned for a doubtful short cut through negotiations framed in Germany.

Tonal auto trains have been ordered to the cover the cover

Revised Censorship Rules To Balk Kaiser Are Issued

Committee on Public Information Promulgates New Series of Regulations to Control Publication of Wartime Advices.

For the better protection of the military forces of the country the Committee on Public Information yesterday issued a complete pital today after their fingers noses were frozen at a \$50,000 ft Wilson & Green's lumber yard. of War and the Secretary of Navy and represent the best advice of these departments.

The new censorship is designed to be as strict as possible. It does not apply to dispatches censored by the military authorities of the American expeditionary forces abroad or in cases where the government has given official sanction. The government requests secrecy in all matters of:

1. Advance information of the routes and schedules of troop movements.

2. Information tending to disclose the number of troops in the expeditionary forces abroad. 3. Information calculated to disclose

location of the permanent base or bases abroad. 4. Information that would disclose the location of American units or the eventual position of the American forces at the front.

5. Information tending to disclos an eventual or actual port of em-barkation or information of the movement of military forces toward seaports or of the assembling of mili tary forces at scaports from which inference might be drawn of any in-tention to embark them for service abroad and information of the assemformation of the embarkation itself. Sea News "Spurios Versenkt."

6. Information of the arrival at ny European port of American any European port of American war vessels, transports, or any portion of any expeditionary force combatant or non-combatant. 7. Information of the time of de-parture of merchant ships from American or European ports, or information of the ports from which they sailed, or information of their

cargoes.
8. Information indicating the port of arrival of incoming ships from European ports or after their ar-rival indicating, or hinting at the port at which the ship arrived.

9. Information as to convoys and as to the sighting of friendly or enemy ships, whether naval or merchant.

10. Information of the locality, number, or identity of vessels belonging to our own navy or to the navies of save country were with the savies of save country were were save and the savies of save country were were save and the savies of save country were were save and the savies of save country and the save country and the save country are save and the save country and the save country are save country are save country and the save country are save country are save country and the save country are save country are save country and the sav navies of any country at war with

11. Information of the coast or anti-aircraft defenses of the United

ALL GERMANS U. S. Kept Out of War By German Propaganda -Lord Northcliffe

Paris, Dec. 30.-In an interview with Gustave Herve, the Socialist ditor and publisher of La Victoire, Lord Northcliffe declared that it was the German propaganda in America that delayed the entrance of the United States into the war.

"During the first period of the war," ald Northcliffe, "many people in Eusaid Northcliffe, "many people in Eu-rope were losing their patience with America on account of what they believed to be the slowness of the Americans in joining in the great crusade.

"As far as I am concerned, I have so often traveled through the various sections of the United States—which differ from each other as much as the various countries of Europe, and I know so well the gigantic force of German propaganda among the people, 15,000,000 of whom, it is said, are of German origin—that I never shared this impatience.

mericans. Austro-Americans. Hun Americans, Austro-Americans, Hun-garians, Poles, Greeks, Ruthenes, Slovaks, Croats, Swedes, some negroes and certain types of ill-defined nat-ionalities, a few Englishmen, Scotch-men, Frenchmen and Irishmen-this is the strange melange which Roose-velt calls 'our polyglot boarding'

"It was an easy task for German propaganda to convince a population of such a kind, a certain portion of which left Europe only in order to es-cape the war and military service.

lent in certain respects, they have succeeded in six months in forming an army of 1,500,000 soldiers, many of whom are daily arriving in France.

"They have tripled the personnel

of their navy, they have rapidly constructed a great number of of aeroplane motors and imnense airdromes in order that the nummachines. "More than 500.000.000 francs were

subscribed for the Red Cross in less than a single week. Finally, their

GALE AND COLD CAUSE MISERY: COAL LACKING

New York's Worst Winter District Shivers in Coldest Weather Entails Great Suffering.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 30.-A heavy gale is sweeping the coast, imperilling big Norwegian vessel is ashore. Coast life savers have removed the crew. Several other vessels are reported in

Gotham's Coldest Day. New York, Dec. 30.-The metropoli oday suffered terribly on the coldest day of which it has authentic record. The mercury sank to 14 below zero. A that workmen trying to hasten new coal supplies were compelled to suspend labor. The North River gave ndications of freezing over, which would further embarrass the almost frantic attempts to furnish coal. Two deaths from the cold were reported. The temperature shows no sign of

Suffering In Richmond. Richmond, Va., Dec. 30.-The coldest weather since 1899 found Richmond today with barely enough steam coal to meet immediate wants. In supply of anthracite is exhausted, with little chance for renewal this week. The temperature reached two below zero this morning. It hovers near sero to-night. All trains are late. Relief or-ganizations have had many calls for-fuel, but could give only a limited supply. The poor classes have suffered intensely. In the mountain section of the State temperatures of twenty legrees below zero are reported.

moderation for the next day or two.

30 Below at Syracuse. Syracuse, N. Y.. Dec. 30.—Intense suffering among the poor marked the second day of Central New York's severest December weather. The temperature crept to thirty degrees perature crept to thirty degrees w, lower than it ever went before the local weather bureau's history n firemen were sent to a hor

ley Blasts Have No Terrors for These Lovers of the Bath

New York, Dec. 30.-The spell ever experienced by this city held no terrors today for the mem-bers of the Polar Bears and Snaw Birds, these bathers who just simply insist upon plunging into the surf. The slogan of the clubs, one composed of men and the other of women, is "to bathe no matter how far the mercury drops," but when 13 below was reached this morning it was declared by many that this "vain" boast would be River, and eastward to the usper blasted at last,

THREE COUNTS

Sunday of Year; the Poor Suffer.

host of "war visitors" were again drawn into zeroland yesterday and last night to endure the coldest Suday since 1880. Before the chilled get of shivering public, the needles of the Weather Bureau's recording they mometer hovered about the zero

Later it went up to 4 degrees above. At no time during the day temperature get above eight degrees.
Ice-caked sidewalks and packed snow streets combined with the biting winds to make things generally incomfortable Perhaps only two men south of Ma-

son and Dixon's line expressed them-selves as not displeased with the worst attack of cold the South ha ever known. They were Fridiiof Hansen and Admiral Robert E. Peary both of whom are in the city. Each of the arctic explorers took a walk that the walk was brief and brisk Three fires were reported as the re-sult of attempts to kindle fireplaces long disused.

Two hundred and fifty dollars' dam-

age was caused to the property at 2325 Virginia avenue northwest yester-day afternoon when the back of a stove burst. The house is occupied by Daniel Austin and is owned by odore Williams, 2219 F street n west.
An overheated stove caused \$100

damage to a house at New Cut and Canal roads northwest yesterday afternoon. Edward T. Woody is the owner of the property. When a hot water tank exploded at 3811 Colorado avenue nor hwest, occu-pied by Thomas Baldwin, damage to CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVEN.

BRITISH REPULSE GERMAN "FEELERS" Trench Raids Net No Gains

West Front. London, Dec. 30.-German "feelers"

in the west continue. Heralded by violent spurts of "hurricane fire" shock battalions are sent forward, now against the French, now against the British lines. All these thrusts are in the nature of trench raids and have met with little success. In the last twenty-four hours it was evidentlast twenty-rour hours it was evidently the Britons' turn to be harassed. Infantry assaults in Flanders, particularly in the Ypres sector, were foreshadowed by Sir Douglas Haig, and they came.

The British defense made short shrift with them.

Different from the watchful wait-

to this morning it was declared by many that this "vain" boast would be blasted at last.

But the clan gathered at the Brighton Baths, and nine, seven men and two women, declared their determination to defy King Cold. There was the preliminary racing up and down the beach, and then came the plunge. Official elapsed time, 39 seconds.

"Oh, it wasn't so cold," declared a Bnow Bird. "You see the water could not have been any colder than the atmosphere."

"And appectators who witnessed the performance murmured "it's a great life if you don't weaken."

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M'ADOO PLANS TO STOP COAL LACK AT ONCE

Orders Immediate Shipments of Fuel to Sufferers in North.

William G. McAdoo, Director quest and commerce,
"When the Americans began to understand the real character of Germany their anger continually increased, not only because of Gereneral of Railroads, took immedi ate action yesterday for the relies of the country from the coal shortage. He gave particular atcreased, not only because of Germany's offenses against their liberty and democracy, but also on account of the treachery of Bernstorff and the other German guests of the republic against the nation which was receiving them. It is thus that they entered the war with an entirely American enthusiasm, determination and thoroughness. tention to the New England States, announcing that the situation there would cause intense suffering McAdoo called a the crisis over with them, he said the whole northeastern section the whole northeastern section must be pooled, and all available systems used to get coal to New England at once. Water and rail "Although they entered the war without any preparation, with the ex-ception of the navy, which is excelble way to aid the suffering sec

Those at the conference were: Alfred H. Smith, of the New Yor

entral, and just named as assistan to the Director General in charge of transportation; Walker D. Hines, to the Director General in charge of transportation; Walker D. Hines, also assistant to the Director Gen-eral: Howard Elliott, of the New Haven, and practical man of the Railways War Board; Harry A. Gar-field, Fuel Administrator; Judge Ed-ward Chambers, vice president of the Santa Fe Railroad and in charge of ransportation of the Fuel Adminis-tration, and G. W. Anderson, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. On account of the intense cold wave that has swept the whole northeast-ern section of the county, Director General McAdoo has had numerous appeals for help from this section of the country in the matter of coal. Some of the large utility corporations are practically without enough to run them for two days more; the people are in great need, and numerous cases of suffering have been reported. Steps have been taken to move coat

from Newport and other ports by water. Priority orders, Interstate Commerce Commission rulings and other considerations will be put aside to rush coal to the danger zone. Mr. Swith Index Chambars and Mr. Swith Index Chambars and Mr. to rush coal to the danger zone. Mr. Smith, Judge Chambers and Mr. El-liott will have maps for through rout-

thracite situations into consideration made this comment

imum, and this limitation is solely to be charged, as to primary cause, to faulty rail transportation. The pres-ent demand for coal is unprecedent-ed, but the mines now open are capable of filling this demand if addustry that the capacity of a min for production and the capacity for

labor is limited absolutely by the sup-ply from day to day of coal cars for the moving of the product. Thus we have found that, with the unheardent price tanding file at the mines and pro-uction is limited, as compared with tion is limited, as compared to possible productive capacity. We possible productive capacity with the possible productive capacity. tind that mine labor is being disor-canized by reason of irregular em-ployment and forced idleness, and that in some fields bituminous mines are working only three or four days a week and that willing labor and cilling operators are standing idle alf of the time. "In other fields where there is now

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U. S. Submarines Collide

accident of the sort has ever happened before.

Officer Describes Accident.

And it was all so much in the

Under Water; No One Hurt

Skipper Describes Accident In Which Sea

Wasp Was Knocked Out of Ocean

From Depth of 30 Feet.

Two United States submarines have collided thirty feet under

vater and both have come safely home to port to tell what is so far

the narrowest escape in the war. So far as naval records show, no

And it was all so much in the open.

open. "And the first thing I saw when I

men who felt death strike and miss got my head above the combing was are able to tell of it. It has not been this other craft coming up just the same as we were. Their old man's

made a subject of report to the Navy
Department, The only injury was that
one of my best friends, but when I

CAPITAL OF GUATEMALA **DEMOLISHED BY SERIES** OF SHOCKS; MANYKILLED

Other Towns Suffer in Four-day Earth Convulsion-Relief Ordered to Scene of Disaster by Navy Department.

A terrific new earthquake has completed the destruction caused others beginning Christmas Day in Guatemala and the entire or city and many other towns are merely piles of debris Advices to the Navy Department last night report 135,000 pers

omeless and many killed by falling walls. Intense Suffering Results

SUN SETS RED AS EPOCH YEAR OF WAR NEARS

History's Greatest Twelvemonth Comes with America as Champion.

Tonight will mark the passing of he great year 1917, but not of the auge developments which it rought. all its wonderful panoply of individual heroism and impersonal sac

rifice is a part of what 1917 has brought us. But only a part. During the past year a spirit of unity and enthusiasm enveloped the nation. Thou-sands of our finest young men have gone into the training camps that dot our land from sea to sea Tomorrow the country will be gin what prabably will be on the greatest years in history.

Millions Going Oversens.

Hundreds of thousands of America su troops are now in France end of 1918, unless Teutonic power crumbles in the meantime, will see millions of khaki-clad Americans in France certainly, in Germa probably, perhaps in Berlin its The full resources of the Uni States will have been complete CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVEN

WAIF TROOP INQUIRY WILL BE UNDERTAKEN

Baker and Crozier Want to Know Who Sent Men Across Continent.

sible for the dispatch of troops clear across the continent to Raritan, N. J., ter of the Red Cross "to report to the ordnance base there" will be undertaken by the War The troops arrived at Raritan, were detrained and asked the way to the base. There was no such base, and

the troopers, without funds, were housed by residents of the town Maj. Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ord-nance, will confer with Secretary of War Baker today. The investigation. more nearly adequate car supply War Baker today. The investiga-he irregularity of car supply in it was indicated, might bring graver facts than a mere mistake in

ta surprise when she stopped pironet

saw him poke up on deck I velled

any copy of the regulations he ever saw. And he yelled some back at me. "You blankety-blank-blank blank."

he yelled, "you've chipped our nose

found neither of us was busted. For-tunately he'd been barely moving. He

"Then we both got sane again and

some things to him that are

DENOUNCES GERMANY WITH LAST BREA**th**

might ask President Cabrer

ture Platform.

figuston, Tex., Dec. 50,-With enunciation of Germany and a pleas or preparedness on his lips, Col-harles Ligelaw, of New Haven city auditorium here this af-

fermoon.

Col. Bigelow, 62, returned from the hattlengths a short time ago and his lecture here was to arouse the American people to the realization of the war. If is last words

England to prepare for war. They laughed at him and threatened to take his pension away for his

Hear That Tooting?

That Was Mr. McAdoo Clearing the Tracks Whistles, long and short, shrill and

ow, pleasing and discordant, floated brough the frigid air lest night to dis-urb many a Washingtonian. Within fifteen minutes the terminal station, police headquarters and the newspaper offices were overwhelmed ewspaper offices were overwhelmed with requests for information regardng what seemed to be a New Year hullabaloc Inquiry revealed the information

cars and a consequent consistency was only logging about a knot an hour. And he said when he got the punch it sent him whanging down to the sandy bottom so hard that it knocked all hands off their feet. But both of us came up all right and we finished the day's work and we've been out again every day day and the sandy between the sandy between the sandy between the sandy sandy are said to be said the sandy said has cleared the tracks for the speed

Cancelled by Reading

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.-A drastfe rating of the control off the normal schedule, it was at

Billy Sunday's Sermons Will Appear Each Day After January 5 in The Herold